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C.N.A. CONVENTION NEXT BIG EVENT:

The Canadian Numismatic Association's annual convention is the next major numismatic event on many collector's agenda. The convention this year will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada and is *hosted by the Edmonton Numismatic Society*. Dates for this convention are **July 29 to August 1, 1998**. Information can be obtained from the Edmonton Numismatic Society at P.O. Box 75024 Ritchie P.O. Edmonton, Alberta T6E 6K1. You can also contact Mr. Dan Gosling - Phone: (403) 922- 5743 , Fax: (403) 944-2727, or Email: dang@compusmart.ab.ca . You could also contact Mr. Mike Schneider - Phone: (403) 496-6602 or Fax: (403) 496-6618. For hotel reservations call: Convention Inn 1- 800 - 661-1122



Members of the *City of Ottawa Coin Club* are to be commended for their very successful hosting of the recent *Ontario Numismatic Association convention*. Wooden money collectors once again came home with many new convention woods as well as some older issue discoveries. A short write-up of the convention along with pictures of convention wood issues can be found on pages three and four of this newsletter.

NEW MEMBER: A special welcome to our first 'Youth' member in CAWMC.

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WATERLOO COIN SOCIETY ANNUAL BANQUET:**Date:** *Tuesday, May 12, 1998* - Cash Bar - 6:00pm

Dinner - 6:30pm

Location: Tien Hoa Inn - 50 Weber St. N., Waterloo, Ont.
(Weber St. at Bridgeport Road)**Featuring:** -All you can eat Chinese food buffet
-Lots of donated door prizes
-Special annual banquet wood token by Don Robb
-Presentation by the Curator of the McCrae House Museum of Guelph speaking about the acquisition of the McCrae medals in the fall of 1997**Tickets:** -Adults- \$14.00
-Juniors- \$ 9.00 (to age 16) (prices include taxes and gratuities)**Tickets Available:** Write: Waterloo Coin Society
Box 40044, Waterloo Sq. P.O.,
75 King St. S., Waterloo, Ont., N2J 4V1
OR Telephone: Bruce Raszmann (519) 745 - 3104**CAWMC OFFICERS**

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Canadian Residents- \$10.00 Canadian funds

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\$20.00 Canadian funds

Youth (16 years of age and under)- \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro Box 2643 Stn. 'M'
Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2P 3C1**FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH**

It seems appropriate that a wood donated by several members of the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC be used as this month's free wood. This wood, of course, relates to the article on pages five and six of this newsletter. This is the wood catalogued as number 5900 - 172 and is *green* on both sides. It is one of the Torex 1983 woods which was included in the old listings of Canadian woods. The catalogue indicates that there were 5000 of these woods made.

SUCCESSFUL O.N.A. CONVENTION:

I have just returned from the very successful Ontario Numismatic Association convention held in Ottawa, and hosted by the City of Ottawa Coin Club. At this convention, the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC held a wood meeting. There were twenty people attended the meeting. Members came from the United States and in Canada from Alberta in the west to New Brunswick in the east. Those attending were: Earl and Esther Salterio, Wayne Gillcash, Emile Dumouchel, Jerry Remick, Jeff Fournier, Stan Osovich, Gary and Daniel Oblinsky, Edwin Burt, Don Robb, Ron Zelk, Norm Belsten, Russell Brown, Basil Latham, Dave Gillespie, Harvey Farrow, Albert Kasman, Ross Kingdon and George Fraser.

Norm Belsten chaired this 'wood' meeting. Norm talked about and showed a little sample of his current, major project of producing an up-to-date wooden money catalogue, which actually shows a picture of each wood along with the description and details of the wood. This project consumes a great deal of time, as well as necessitating excellent computer skills, on Norm's part. This project is far from complete and there is no final completion date set. Norm started on and is still currently working on the Ontario woods. In a future issue of 'Timber Talk', I will try to show a sample page of Norm's work on this project. This is something to which we can all look forward and will certainly be a great asset to all collectors of Canadian woods.

The meeting also included a raffle and an auction. The auction contained several woods as well as some early editions of the late Norm Wells' books on wooden money, which also had pictures of the woods.

To my knowledge, there were seventeen new wood issues which surfaced at this convention. I have attempted to show most of them here in this newsletter. Six of these woods were sold as a set, (at \$5.00 a set) at the entrance to the convention. They were commissioned by the organizing committee and the O.N.A. executive. They would be available from the City of Ottawa Coin Club, if in fact there are any remaining. The other eleven woods were personal issues and, I assume would be available by contacting the issuer with a SASE (self-addressed, stamped envelope).



Red Obverse
and
Blue Obverse



green



Multi-coloured
Obverse
and
Green Obverse



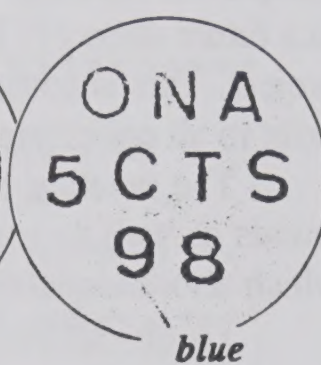
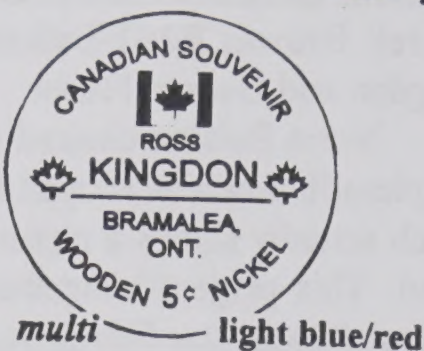
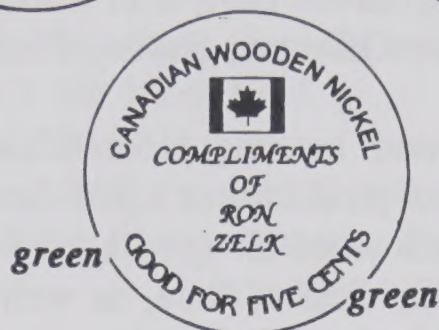
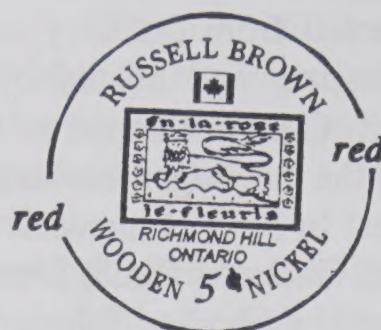
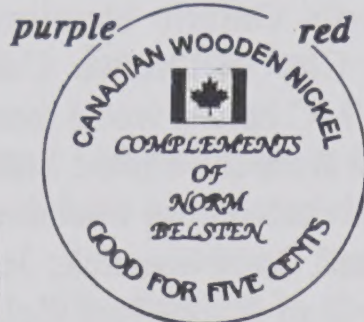
blue

O.N.A. 1998 Convention Woods continued:

Common Obverse



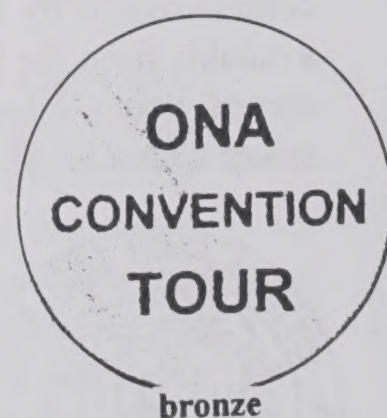
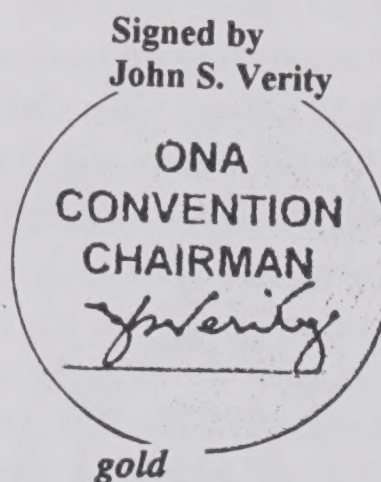
Obverse colour
shown on the left



Six woods
sold as a set



Common Obverse



TOREX (1983) WOODS DISCOVERED:

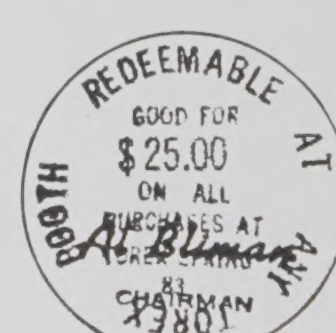
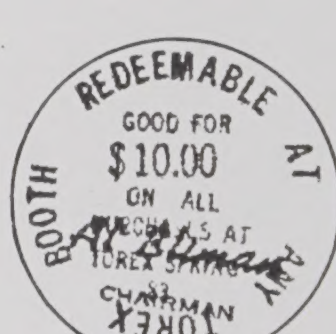
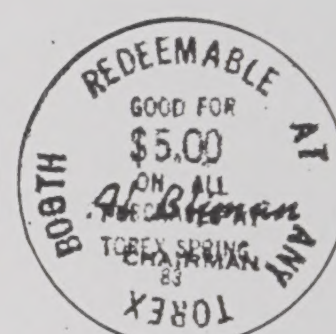
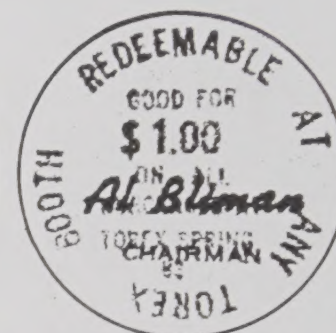
by Ross Kingdon

For those of you who have a copy of Norm Belsten's "1997 Supplement of Canadian Woods", which was again advertised in the March 1998 bulletin, you may have noticed the almost full page of new listings of Torex woods (37) under 'Toronto', Ontario (5900 - 400 to 5900 - 436).

One wonders why there are all these woods from fifteen years ago (1983), now appearing and never before listed. The answer, of course, is that they were never widely distributed nor previously known especially by those individuals who have in the past tried to keep our Canadian wood catalogue up to date, they being the late Norm Wells and Howard Richardson and today our own CAWMC member Norm Belsten. Many of you, as collectors of Toronto woods, may even have one or more of these woods already in your collection but thought of them only as an oddity, as an unofficial variety in no great quantity, or even as a colour misprint in the catalogue. Parts of some of these sets are in fact in the old listings. They are 5900 - 215A, 5900 - 215B, 5900 - 215C, all of which are black on both sides, and 5900 - 172 which is listed green on both sides.

Just over one year ago, the Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC, held a meeting at the Ontario Numismatic Association convention (April 1997) in Windsor, Ontario. At that meeting, CAWMC member Ron Zelk of Downsview, brought with him a large tub of unsorted wooden nickels for people, at the meeting, to sift through and purchase woods that they wanted to add to their collection. These woods were some of the many spares owned by Al Bliman of Willowdale, Ontario who, at the time of the 1982 and 1983 Torex shows, was the show chairman. As people, at that meeting, sorted through these woods, it became very apparent that there were several previously unknown sets available. There were several different colours of sets and each of those colours had an over stamped set.

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It is the 'Al Bliman - CHAIRMAN' overstamp that appears on all the different colours of these 1982 and 1983 woods.

It was not known before that there were actually five different coloured 1983 sets in *black, green, purple, red and blue*. Each colour had four values, they being \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$25.00. Each of these colours and values has a corresponding set of overstamps. The overstamp on the 1983 woods is always *red* in colour except for the red woods which have the overstamp done in *black*. I have pictured a set of the regular 1983 woods in each of the four values and a set of the overstamped woods in each of the four values on page three. The number of these sets produced is still obscure but is thought to be in the neighbourhood of twenty to twenty-five. Does anyone out there have some of these woods or even the whole set?

The 1982 Torex \$1.00 wood (5900 - 436 red/red with red overstamp), listed in this new 1997 supplement is inscribed exactly the same as the 5900 - 140A (purple/purple) and 5900 - 140B (purple/purple with green overstamp) woods listed in the old supplement. The only difference is in the colour of the wood and the colour of the overstamp.

This new (5900 - 436) wood listing is only one of a set of five. There are the same five colours as in the 1983 woods shown on page three. It is only the \$1.00 1982 Torex wood that was made in the five colours. The colours are red/red (the one listed) as well as green/green, purple/purple, blue/blue, and black/black. All these different coloured woods have the same colour overstamp of *red*, which, of course, makes them different from the one wood in the old listing (5900 - 140B) which has a *green* overstamp. The other four colours *with a red overstamp* are not yet listed, but will be in a future supplement listing update. This makes one wonder if there are in fact all five colours of these 1982 \$1.00 Torex woods with the green overstamp as well. Was it just the purple/purple 1982 \$1.00 Torex wood that was given the green overstamp? If you have other colours (green, blue, black or red) with the green overstamp, please let your editor know.

The number of these 1982 woods issued with the *red* overstamp is unknown but is thought to be very few. So far only four of the red/red with red overstamp have been found, but there could very well be more out there; possibly as many as twenty-five, which seems to be the number of overstamps done on other 1982 Torex woods according to the old listing. I have shown here one of the regular 1982 Torex woods and one with the overstamp. Sorting through that tub of woods certainly proved that there are still other discoveries and varieties yet to be uncovered.

